

Who Shot JFK? Storm of Controversy Still

Phone-In Vote: Did Oswald Act Alone?

Do you believe that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy?

Although the Warren Commission concluded Oswald was the only gunman involved, doubts still linger in the minds of many Americans — and independent investigators have repeatedly declared that more than one gunman was firing at JFK.

Did Oswald act alone?

Yes, declares famed attorney and author Vincent Bugliosi, who exhaustively studied the evidence to prepare for his role as the prosecutor in the upcoming syndicated TV production "On Trial: Lee Harvey

Oswald." No, says Dr. Cyril Wecht, who was a member of the forensic pathology panel when the House Select Committee on Assassinations reinvestigated JFK's assassination in the late 1970s.

As always, The ENQUIRER takes no side in the debate. We present the opposing viewpoints so you can make up your own mind. The two experts outline their positions below — and we invite you to tell us what you think by dialing one of our convenient "900" numbers listed below.

We'll report the results of our poll in our issue which goes on sale November 29. So hurry and make your opinion heard!



KENNEDY SLUMPS into wife's arms after being hit.

YES Conspiracy Theories Are Laughable — Here's Why

Dear Reader,

Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone in the assassination of President Kennedy. The evidence is absolutely overwhelming that he carried out the tragic shooting all by himself.

In fact, you could throw 80 percent of the evidence against him out the window and there would still be more than enough left to convince any reasonable person of his sole role in the crime.

One of the conspiracy buffs' favorite theories is that the mob was behind the "hit" on JFK and enlisted Oswald as one of the hit squad. That theory is ludicrous.

Experts on the mob will tell you that Mafia hit men are always chosen with utmost care. They are efficient, unemotional, experienced killers who can be trusted by the mob not to talk, if caught. Os-



Vincent Bugliosi

wald doesn't fit the mold at all.

He was young, inexperienced at murder and so mentally unstable that he tried to commit suicide by slashing his wrists when he was refused Soviet citizenship.

Does this sound like a man the mob would use to commit such a monumental crime that it could destroy them if the truth came out? For the

same reason, the theories that Oswald was part of a conspiracy by the CIA or Russia's KGB are equally laughable.

Another favorite theory holds that there had to be more than one gunman because JFK and Texas Gov. John Connally were hit such a short time apart. But the overwhelming majority of forensic experts who've studied the evidence have concluded that the two were actually hit by the same bullet.

The Kennedy assassination has been investigated in more depth than any murder case in world history. The Warren Commission looked at a tremendous amount of evidence and concluded that Oswald acted alone. I've studied the evidence — and I agree.

— Vincent Bugliosi, attorney and prosecutor in the syndicated TV program "On Trial: Lee Harvey Oswald"

NO Ridiculous Single-Bullet Theory Is Full of Holes

Dear Reader,
I'm convinced the assassination of John F. Kennedy was a conspiracy. Here's why:

The Warren Commission concluded that one of the bullets fired at JFK hit not only him but also Texas Gov. John Connally, who was sitting in front of Kennedy in the Presidential limousine as it moved through Dallas.

The commission invented this single-bullet theory to get around the fact that Kennedy and Connally were struck such a short time apart. Even the most skilled marksman couldn't have gotten off two shots so close together.

But the single-bullet theory — also called the "magic bullet" theory by critics of the commission — is preposterous! This theory would have us believe that a single bullet struck JFK in the back, came out his neck, hit Connally in the back and shattered one of his ribs.

Then, according to the theory, this same bullet exited the front of Connally's chest and pierced his right wrist — shattering the bone — then exited the wrist and hit him in the left thigh.

Next, according to the theory, the much-traveled bullet somehow came back out of Connally's thigh through the same hole and finally came to rest in his



Cyril Wecht

pants leg. No wonder it's called the "magic bullet theory!"

Even more incredible, despite shattering bones the bullet wasn't even deformed! Yet in test-firings performed for the Warren Commission, every bullet that struck the same bone in a human cadaver that had been broken in Connally was substantially deformed.

What's more, after exiting JFK's neck the "magic bullet" would have had to make an impossible sharp turn to the right in order to have entered the right side of Connally's back.

So the single-bullet theory is absurd — and if it doesn't hold up, then there had to be at least one more gunman firing that day.

— Cyril Wecht, M.D., member of Forensic Pathology Panel, House Select Committee on Assassinations

Red Skelton: My Bizarre Premonition of JFK Death

Comedian Red Skelton says he received an eerie, inexplicable forewarning of the assassination of John F. Kennedy . . . four months before the tragedy happened!

Recalling his strange experience, the famed funny-man told *The ENQUIRER*:

"The 1962-63 TV season had been a long, demanding one, and in July 1963 I took a vacation on the island of Maui in the Hawaiian Islands.

"I always carry a notebook with me — you never know when a funny line will hit you.

"One afternoon I was lying on the beach, neither asleep nor awake but somewhere in the middle, with my eyes closed.

"I was stretched out on

my stomach. My head was resting on my left forearm while my right hand, which held a pencil, was resting on the open notebook.

"I'd been lying that way for some time when my left arm fell asleep. So I shifted my position, and as I did I happened to glance down at my notebook.

"To my surprise I saw a sentence written there that I couldn't remember writing — a sentence that said: 'President Kennedy will be killed in November.'

"The substance of the sentence had never entered my mind — yet there it was



Red Skelton

in my own handwriting in pencil!"

And the warning came true on Nov. 22, 1963.

Said Skelton: "I've still got that page, and every time I come across it I wonder about it — because how it happened, I still don't know."

— STEVE COZ

Rages — 25 Years After His Assassination

What JFK Would Look Like Today At Age 71

If President John F. Kennedy hadn't been gunned down in the prime of his life, what would he look like today at age 71? This portrait by an internationally famed artist shows how JFK might have weathered the years.

The portrait was painted exclusively for The ENQUIRER by artist John Solie, whose works have graced the covers of top national magazines.

JFK was only 46 when he was assassinated in Dallas Nov. 22, 1963. Had he lived, he would have turned 71 this past May 29.

The works of Solie have been exhibited throughout the United States, and he was commissioned by NASA to do paintings of the recent launch and landing of the space shuttle Discovery.

The 51-year-old artist's remarkable rendition of John F. Kennedy captures the forcefulness and charisma that marked JFK's life and too-brief Presidency. And though he was tragically denied the chance to move forward into the New Frontier he created, JFK will never be forgotten as long as there's an America.



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Lee Harvey Oswald was telling the truth when he denied shooting President Kennedy!

That's the sensational conclusion of Charles McQuiston, who used the truth-detecting Psychological Stress Evaluator (PSE) to analyze tape-recorded statements made by Oswald after his arrest. The PSE detects deception by charting stress patterns in the voice. It is so accurate that it's been used by more than 300 law enforcement agencies and has been accepted by courts in many states.

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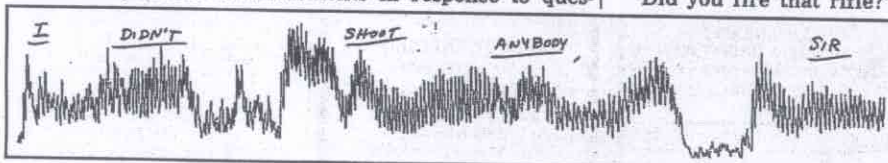
tape recordings of Oswald's statements made at Dallas Police Headquarters on Nov. 22, 1963 — the day Kennedy was shot — and the next day.

Oswald made the statements in response to ques-

tions reporters asked as he was being moved from room to room within Police Headquarters.

On one occasion, he was asked point-blank:

"Did you fire that rifle?"



8 VOICE PATTERNS clearly show that Oswald was telling the truth, says expert.

Truth Detector Reveals . . .

Oswald Told the Truth When He Denied Shooting the President

"Did you shoot the President?" Oswald replied: "I didn't shoot anybody, sir."

McQuiston noted: "His voice patterns show only the roller-coaster, up-and-down effect that definitely shows he's telling the truth."

McQuiston said the PSE test of Oswald's statements produces "one of the clearest results I have ever seen — and it establishes without any doubt that Oswald did not shoot the President."

McQuiston concludes: "After nearly a quarter of a century, it proves that the Warren Commission was wrong in naming Oswald as the assassin of JFK."

— DAVID WRIGHT

Oswald responded: "I emphatically deny these charges." Then he said: "I have not committed any acts of violence."

Said McQuiston: "If he had been lying on either of these two statements, the chart would be filled with thick heavy lines and a 'clipped hedgerow' appearance."

"Each one is a totally truthful statement."

Later, Oswald was asked:

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